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1. FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAY SPEECH AT UNCTAD IV, AID INITIATED A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR SOME THIRTY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SHOW HOW ADVANCED SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY COULD BE APPLIED TO PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (REFTEL A). THE DEMONSTRATION EVOKED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN SIERRA LEONE AND STIMULATED ONE REQUEST FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SPECIALISTS IN USING THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ANOTHER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE FOR ADVANCED TECHNICAL TRAINING IN SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY (REFTELS B AND C).

2. REFTEL D ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIDSAT FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM AND SINCE THEN POST HAS RECEIVED SOME REPRINTS ON SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY SUITABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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REQUESTS FOR APPLIED DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING HAVE BEEN ANSWERED WITH VAGUE AND UNFULFILLED PROMISES OF POSSIBLE FUTURE SEMINARS (REFTEL E).

3. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT FAULURE TO ANTICIPATE ADEQUATELY REQUESTS FOR FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS AND TO SATISFY PROMPTLY THESE REQUESTS COULD

DAMAGE USG CREDIBILITY WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS IN TURN COULD UNDERMINE 1) COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE USG IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORA, 2) USG ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE US COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND 3) THE OVERALL ATTAINMENT OF USG OBJECTIVES.

4. APPROPRIATE OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSURE THAT AID MOVES PROMPTLY TO SATISFY, AT LEAST IN PART, THE EXPECTATIONS AROUSED BY THE AIDSAT DEMONSTRATION AND THAT FUTURE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS ARE PLANNED FROM THE OUTSET TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS AND TRAINING.

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